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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: H. F. Hutchinson, Jr.
Director, Security Evaluation Office

SUBJECT: Report of Congresswoman Snowe's Call to
Department of State

1. It is unfortunate that anything I said to HPSCI staff members on 26 September has been construed to indicate that the State Department has made a decision on the Moscow embassy building without appropriate consultation with the Congress.

2. My meeting with the HPSCI staff was at its request to discuss what the DCI/SEO had done in FY 89 and intended to do in FY 90. The discussion of the Moscow embassy building was incidental to the larger discussion and included only a few minutes of the 2-1/2 hours we spent with the staff.

3. The Moscow building was brought up in terms of questions about the DCI/SEO and the Intelligence Community involvement in the security analysis of the building options. My opening response to the questions was to remind the HPSCI staff that Ivan Selin and the DCI had visited their chairman, as well as the SSCI chairman, a month or so ago to discuss the building options and the security analysis. I added that it was my understanding that the DCI had discussed the Intelligence Community judgment that the building options could provide adequate security as long as sufficient secure space was provided, the appropriate security countermeasures, etc. were incorporated. My closing remarks on the subject of the Moscow building were to say the Department had a good understanding of the security issues and the Secretary and his staff now had to develop the formal decision process of options and recommendations and present these to the President and Congress; and that to my knowledge this process of discussions with the President and consultations with Congress had not yet begun. The questions, answers, and comments between those opening and closing remarks were intended to elicit or explain some of the security issues inherent in the several Moscow building options.

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4. I assume that some of the HPSCI staff spoke with other
Congressional staff, who spoke with others, and that something was
added or lost in the account of my remarks.

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